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Majority of participants say "leave it the same"

Elba Clipper asks for citizen input on changing three downtown square streets to 1-way traffic

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Clipper reported in the Thursday, Feb. 17, edition that Elba Mayor Tom Maddox had presented a proposal to the Elba City Council for three streets around the courthouse square to be changed to "one-way" traffic patterns.

The proposal was brought up by the mayor during a Feb. 14th council workshop and again in the council meeting following the workshop that night. Maddox asked council members to "look at and think on" changing Factory Avenue, Simmons Street, and Court Avenue around the square to one-way traffic patterns. He said the

Davis Street [the fourth side of the square] would remain a two-way traffic pattern. According to the mayor's proposal, he suggested Factory Avenue traffic flow around the square only towards Simmons Street; Simmons Street traffic flow around the square only towards Court Avenue; and Court Avenue traffic flow around the square only towards Davis Street.

As he was presenting the proposal, the mayor said the idea was brought to him by someone, and he thought it might be a good idea. Therefore, he asked council members to consider it too for further discussion at an upcoming meeting.

On Monday, Feb. 21,

Mail theft leads to arrest in Coffee County

Coffee County Deputies arrested an Arkansas woman Friday, Feb. 11, after investigating a report of suspicious activity in the Perry Store Community.

Chief Deputy R.W.

Dave Sutton announces bid to seek re-election as Sheriff

Dave Sutton announces his candidacy for a fifth term as Sheriff of Coffee County, Alabama in the Tuesday, May 24, Republican Primary Election.

Sutton thanks the citizens of Coffee County for supporting him through his four terms as sheriff. He said the bonding with the citizens and city, state, and federal law enforcement agencies has enabled the sheriff's office to deal with numerous challenges.

"We have been challenged with devastating natural disasters, a tornado and flood that no one could have imagined," Sheriff Sutton said. "We faced drug problems which in turn caused more crime, such as burglaries and thefts. With the help of my staff and concerned citizens we have attacked these problems head on."

Sutton said the Coffee County Sheriff's Office has been modernized with the construction of a new, secure office facility and an up-to-date records management system. He said a great deal of money has been obtained through grants providing deputies with up-to-date equipment.

"Most recently, our office was able to obtain a high-tech laser device to identify illegal drugs, providing on scene analysis and eliminating possible exposure to dangerous chemicals," Sutton added.

The sheriff said his office has worked with the Coffee County Board of Education to promote positive relationships with law enforcement and provide a School Resource Officer [SRO] to all county schools.

"Our deputies receive the best training to ensure our citizens we have some of the best equipped and trained officers in the wiregrass area," Sutton said. "During our time in office we have established, for the first time, 24-hour patrol coverage allowing greater response time for all citizens."

If elected to a fifth term,



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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people but the silence over that by the good people." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Pea River Bridge on Davis Street is a deplorable mess. Engineers have long explained the bridge was going 'downhill' due to the heavy usage. Well, the heavy usage has basically been shifted to the 4-lane bypass, while the street, and the bridge, have been restored. Now the fresh layer of asphalt on the bridge is coming up in chunks, causing holes that will soon be destroying tires, shock absorbers, and our nerves! City officials have said they will not accept the planned transfer of the bridge from the State of Alabama to City of Elba ownership until the promised 'A-1' condition has been fulfilled. We surely hope that the necessary repairs happen soon, regardless of any transfers of ownership, while our vehicles still have tires and working shock absorbers.

While City of Elba stuff is on our mind, this is one of those times we are grateful NOT to be a city official. The city government is strongly considering making traffic around the courthouse square 'one way'. Judging from the comments directed to our ears, there are lots of folks who really don't like that change. Now it may be a good idea but no one has yet clued us in on that reasoning. The number of those opposed to the change is not a small number and more and more of them are speaking out. City officials please listen BEFORE any voting!!

We are still opposed to the Alabama legislature dropping the requirement of a formal license before citizens can carry a loaded pistol, concealed or otherwise. Already America is seeing all too many people banishing - and shooting - guns that they clearly should not be allowed to carry. Now to make that legal for EVERYONE to carry their weapons anywhere is inviting even more shoot outs on the streets, at ball games, at other public gatherings, the grocery store, etc. A headline this week quoted the Birmingham police chief as being alarmed by the rash of shooting incidents in that fair city. Well, he ain't seen nothing yet . . . wait until all of us can walk around with such a weapon in our pockets! Civil unrest is well documented in the U.S. and this makes such a radical change in regulations even more dangerous.

Ukraine is the hot spot for potential war, if the daily news reports are to be believed. If their Russian neighbors are not bluffing and do launch an attack against the country, it will surely trigger an all-out war with the U.S., England and several other nations involved. What we didn't know until recently that agreements were signed years ago where Ukraine would give up the atomic weapons left in their country when it split from the old USSR and in exchange was promised IN WRITING that they would be defended by the U. S. and several other countries. Maybe Russia's Putin doesn't think that will happen . . . and he may be right but . . .

Our position on getting the COVID vaccine is very clear. That made this message from a sister more disturbing. She is a COVID survivor and listens to any news related to the virus. Well this week she passed on a report of an elderly man who had just taken the booster shot at their local drug store. As he started driving home he noticed he had blurred vision. After getting home he called the drug store for advice. . . should he call his doctor or go to the hospital? We were thinking "OH NO!" Well the lady at the drug store urged him not to call his doctor nor go to the hospital. Our alarm bells went off again. She did advise him to come back to the drug store and pick up his eye glasses. Gee, what a churned stomach we had for a minute or so. We owe her one on that exchange.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or booster!

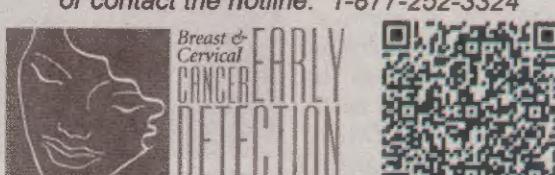
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ROADS

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the same with two-way traffic. 49 individuals posted comments indicating they would like for the two-way traffic pattern to remain on all four sides of the square while two individuals indicated they would be in favor of the mayor's proposals. A couple of others left comments noting they think other issues needed to be addressed first.

Kelly Shehee, a local first responder, explained why he felt the traffic pattern needs to stay the same, saying, "from an emergency vehicle standpoint, I think it gives us more room to maneuver trucks through the streets with it staying 2-way traffic."

Chris Sutley made a plea to city leaders when she said she would like for it to stay the same, adding to her comment, "Please do not change our streets."

Jill Dunn replied, "What would the benefits be? I can't think of any, so my opinion would be to keep it the same."

On the other side of the matter, Jack Mullinax commented, "I vote yes on the changes with Yelverton changing to a one-way."

The only other citizen commenting in favor of the change was Laurie Chapman, and she simply said, "The more I think about it, the more I like it."

The Facebook question post made by the Clipper's editor is a public posting on her page that will allow anyone to voice his/her opinion on the matter [and to be able to view the comments] to help give city leaders a better feel on how the constituents feel.

Also, citizens are encouraged to contact their council person and let him/her know their position before a final decision is made.

The Elba City Council next meets Monday evening, Feb. 28, at 5:30 p.m., and this matter is likely to be discussed again.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, February 15, and Monday, February 21, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Feb. 15 - Burglary reported at 1883 Hickman Ave (8:33 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1698 Hickman Ave (10:48 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 804 Buford

Lou is "too clumsy" to go on the roof. Explaining there was no other way to get the pine straw down, Lou Lou climbed the ladder much to Sister's dismay.

Sister had been going on at Lou Lou for some time that the pine straw on top the roof of their house needed to be removed before it caused any issues with the shingles. While Lou Lou agreed with the "insurance underwriter" and her know-it-all attitude on the matter, Lou Lou was not looking forward to having to actually climb up to the roof to remove said pine straw!

Saturday was that day, and Sister suddenly decides Lou

She got up on the roof, and...Holy Moly...it was angled a lot more than she anticipated! The fear set in...not fear of the height, but fear of the falling!!

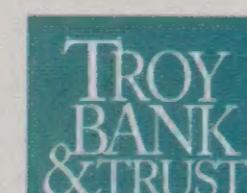
Needless to say, someone else had to get the pine straw down. It was a challenge Lou Lou simply could not handle!

She hates it when Sister is right. Oh well... Until next time. God Bless and Keep Smiling!

2/24/22 pd

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KING/QUEEN CROWNED...On Monday, Feb. 14, Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center crowned its Valentine King and Queen. The residents and employees voted on this honor. The group enjoyed valentine treats while they celebrated. Congratulations to the Queen - Ms. Karen Johnson (seated) and King - Mr. Larry Siler (standing).

Friday, Feb. 18 - Prowler reported in the area of Jones Circle (12:02 a.m.); Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card reported at 221 Davis St E (10:53 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Washington Ave (10:58 a.m.); Harassment reported at 1243 Farris Ave (2:48 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 624 Lee St (6:20 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, and one written warning.

Saturday, Feb. 19 - Suspicious vehicle reported at 911 Farris Ave (1:44 a.m.); Theft by deception reported at 611 Claxton Ave N (9:39 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1142 Pine Circle (11:05 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (11:55 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Martin Luther King Dr (9:24 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 956 Claxton Ave N (10:44 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Reynolds Ave (11:51 p.m.).

Sunday, Feb. 20 - Stolen vehicle reported at 2901 Old Curtis Rd (8:04 a.m.); Civil complaint reported on Hwy 84 (2:25 p.m.); Assault reported at 475 Williams Ave (2:32 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 877 Reese Ave (3:43 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 4035 Hwy 125 (4:08 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 667 Reynolds Ave (4:56 p.m.); Fire alarm reported at 1426 Hickman Ave (5:26 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 120 N Factory Ave (8:38 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 209 Adkinson Ave (8:44 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation and one verbal warning.

Monday, Feb. 21 - Suspicious person reported on Garrett St (12:37 a.m.); Burglary reported at 175 Lake Lee Dr (9:50 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1203 Reese Ave (10:30 a.m.); Harassment reported at 997 Winston Ave (2:17 p.m.); High-speed vehicle pursuit reported on Hwy 87 (8:52 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in one assist another agency, two written warnings, and one verbal warning.

ZCBT members volunteering with local exhibit

These two young men's picture, while holding up some beautiful bass has been in local papers and on social media quite often in the last couple of years but being on a base team that is affiliated with B.A.S.S. Nation is not totally about fishing. B.A.S.S. Nation is a strong advocate of conservation and community service.

"I promise to create among my fellow anglers, and the public in general, my organization's contribution to angling, conservation and outdoor recreation," is the first sentence in the BASSMASTER'S creed. On any scholarship application with BASSMASTER, each applicant is always asked to describe his/her volunteer or community service, conservation activities, and list all academic honors.

Since B.A.S.S. Nation promotes community service, Avery Padgett and Ethan Young, members of



Avery Padgett and Ethan Young at the Water/Ways exhibit in Elba

the Zion Chapel Bass Team, are serving as docents one afternoon each week at the traveling Smithsonian Institution exhibit which is housed in the old Elba Theater on the square in Elba. They are coop students at Zion Chapel High School, and their work schedules afford them the opportunity to volunteer at the exhibit.

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Sutton said he plans to go forth in making Coffee County the safest county to the best of his ability. He said he would continue to strive to eliminate all forms of illegal drug activity.

"As to date, my office along with the ALEA Regional Drug Task Force, and the 12th Judicial Drug Task Force has made over 2,000 drug arrests in this county," he said. "Because of these drug arrests, crime rates and other offenses have decreased. With the continued support of my constituents, we will move forward in our next term."

Sutton said he is dedicated to the mission of providing high-quality, cost-effective, and accountable services to all residents of Coffee County, and the men and women of the Coffee County Sheriff's Office rise to the ever-changing challenges of today's society. He said both the sworn and non-sworn personnel rise to that challenge daily, and they truly deserve the title of "Coffee County's Finest."

"I am honored and humbled to lead these brave men and women who risk their lives daily to keep Coffee County safe," Sutton said. "We all owe each one of them a debt of tremendous gratitude."

Through his work with the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, Preachers said he was able to procure a portable morgue for the area by securing a 100 percent grant from the Alabama Department of Public Health. He added that he is currently working with the Coffee County Commission to construct a coroner's office using existing space within a county building for an upgraded morgue and records storage.

"If re-elected, my priority will be to continue to serve the citizens of Coffee County with the same professionalism and dedication that I have shown during my previous 16 years as coroner," Preachers said. "I promise to personally respond in a timely manner to the needs of grieving families and commit to be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

ARREST
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Upon further investigation, Whitworth said deputies discovered assorted mail to be in the vehicle from numerous addresses across Coffee County.

Subsequently, Tucker was arrested for unlawful possession of credit/debit cards, receiving stolen property – fourth degree, and giving a false name to a law enforcement officer. She was placed in the Coffee County Jail with total bonds set at \$25,000.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

JERRY WEEKS

Mr. Jerry Weeks, age 78, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, at his home surrounded by family.

Graveside services were held Friday, Feb. 18, 2022, from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Garry Winstead officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family requested that memorials to be made to the Elba Food Bank, c/o P.O. Box 269, Elba, Alabama 36323 in memory of Jerry.

Jerry was the owner of Week's Tire Company in Elba. He began the business in his backyard in the mid 70's, delivering tires during the week, and mounting tires on Saturdays for customers. His business continued to grow and in 1980 he purchased the building at the company's current location. Through dedicated service, he continued to expand, and in the mid 90's integrated to a full-service automotive repair shop while continuing to wholesale tires to numerous retail locations.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Della Mae Weeks, and Fonzel Weeks; a brother, Donald Weeks; and a sister, Catherine Hy-smith.

The subject of this exhibit, WATER WAYS, and one of the purposes of B.A.S.S. go hand in hand. Since its founding in early 1968, B.A.S.S. has become the watchdog of the waterways for sport fishermen. B.A.S.S. worked to help with the passage of the clean Water Act that has protected our Nation's water for over 40 years.

Survivors include his wife: Jo Ann Weeks, Elba; son: Gary (Tab) Weeks, Elba; granddaughter: Brooke (William) Morgan, Dozier, Ala.; grandson: Bradley (Jaleigh) Weeks, Elba; along with a special nephew: Andy (Renee) Bradshaw, Elba.

JOSEPH ANTHONY MARTINES

Mr. Joseph Anthony Martines, age 74, of Troy, Ala., died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, at his residence.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held at this time. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. is serving the Grice family.

Survivors include his wife: Beverly Grice, Kinston; daughter: Katie Roberts (Perry Dillard), Opp, Ala.; sons: Joshua (Alyssa) Grice, Kinston, and Donald Grice, Andalusia, Ala.; sister: Dovie Morrison, Kinston; and six grandchildren.

JACK ELLIS HOCKEMEYER

Mr. Jack Ellis Hockemeyer, age 65, of Enterprise, Ala., died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. is serving the family.

Survivors include his son: Jack Hockemeyer, Tenn.; daughter: Patricia Hockemeyer (Taurene Marshall), Enterprise, Ala.; and grandson: Isiah Foster, Enterprise.

RUTH PYFROM

Ruth Pyfrom, age 91, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, February 21, 2022, at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home.

Survivors include his son:

Jack Hockemeyer, Tenn.; daughter: Patricia Hockemeyer (Taurene Marshall), Enterprise, Ala.; and grandson: Isiah Foster, Enterprise.

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As you plan for the burial of a deceased loved one, you'll need to address a few basic questions - and the first of those questions is where? Often, individuals purchase cemetery plots well before they die. In other cases, they may leave behind a will or other document that stipulates where they wish their final resting place to be. Occasionally, though, it will be up to surviving family members to select a cemetery that will be suitable.

If your loved one was a military veteran, you may wish to look into VA cemeteries near you. Also consider most cemeteries have veteran sections, which should provide you with plenty of options for personalization. If your loved one adhered to a particular religion, it may be worth investigating cemeteries associated with that faith tradition. Otherwise, you'll probably just want to find a public cemetery. A good starting place is to ask your funeral director for a recommendation.

If your loved one is to be cremated, it's important to find a cemetery that offers either a columbarium or an urn garden, or at least one that permits urns to be buried in traditional plots. (Most do, but it doesn't hurt to verify.)

In researching local cemeteries, make sure you ask about the cost as well as any maintenance fees associated with the plot. Also ask what the cemetery will do to maintain the gravesite, and what your responsibilities will be as the family member. Finally, ask if there are any restrictions or stipulations on the kinds of casket that are permitted.

Again, as you navigate this important decision, don't hesitate to seek counsel from your funeral director, who will be able to help you locate the cemetery that best aligns with your needs and your loved one's final wishes.

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For compassion, honesty, hard work, dedication, and professionalism with proven abilities. Preachers said he respectfully asks for the citizens' vote in the May 24th Republican Primary Election for Coffee County Coroner.

A citizen of Coffee County for 30 years, Dave is married to Debbie Sutton, and he is the father of one daughter, Jamie, one son, Dave Jr., and one stepson, Sam.

He is currently working with the Coffee County Commission to construct a coroner's office using existing space within a county building for an upgraded morgue and records storage.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Round and About With Eria's Daughter



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Scripture: The Value of Wisdom [Proverbs 2: 1-22]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Dee' Nard Brooks, Arianna E. Kelley, Min. Fredrick D. Belcher, Corene Wilkerson, Wendy Wood, World Leaders, Tia Kelley, Devin Luckett

March Birthdays / Anniversaries

Warren Belcher 3/5
Juanita Belcher Brooks 3/5
Grady Brooks 3/5
Denise Hardwick 3/5
Rachel Terry 3/5 (in memory)
Mary N. McMillian 3/6

Black History Month

In Recognizing This Famous Name in the Educational Field: Washington, Booker Taliabero

(1856-1915)

Washington organized Tuskegee Institute, a school for negroes at Tuskegee, Ala., and served as its president from 1881-1915. He was one of the greatest negro educational leaders of the United States and worked throughout his lifetime to improve the life of the negro.

Washington was born in slavery at Halesford, Va., on April 5, 1856. The family moved to Malden, West Va., after the slaves were freed. He attended a mission school, but largely educated himself. He entered Hampton Institute in 1872 and learned to be a brick mason. However, he turned to teaching, first at Malden, and then at Hampton Institute. He was so successful that he was selected to organize and head a new school at Tuskegee.

Washington believed that the negro could advance himself by being an efficient worker and by educating himself. Therefore, Tuskegee Institute taught a number of trades and

professions as well as academic subjects. The school grew rapidly. Today, Tuskegee Institute ranks among the leading educational institutions of the United States.

Washington also started rural extension works among the negroes and organized a national Negro Business League. He was an excellent speaker and had many invitations throughout the country to deliver addresses.

One of his most famous books is his autobiography, Up From Slavery (1901) Galen Saylor [See also Booker T. Washington National Monument]

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 2/24/22

Fill in the Blanks

Q: The Lord said He would raise up a _____ like Moses from the Israelites.

A: Prophet [Deuteronomy 18:18]

Q: On the seventh day the priest sounded the _____ and Jericho's walls fell.

A: Trumpets [Joshua 6: 16-20]

Q: Ahab referred to Elijah as "he that _____ Israel."

A: Troublith [I King 18:17]

Thought to Remember
Good Samaritans ask "How can I be a neighbor?"

Questions for the Week of 3/3/22

True or False

Q: The taking of strange wives increased the transgression of Israel.

Q: The penalty for prophesying in the name of other gods was death.

Q: The sin that incited the Lord's anger against Judah was idolatry.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Free pancake supper March 1st at Elba United Methodist Church

The Elba United Methodist Church is having a Mardi Gras pancake supper on Tuesday, March 1, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Dine-in/Takeout. All are welcome. No cost.

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PROBATE COURT

CASE NUMBER:
PC-2022-009

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 15th day of February, 2022, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ James Bryan Helms,
James Bryan Helms
Petitioner

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
Coffee County, Alabama
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PASTOR'S CORNER

by Dwight Johnson, Lead Pastor
Elba First Assembly of God Church

Connected

Connections. We have all kinds. There are many options. On my smartphone I can connect with others by email, text, chats, and more. If I wish, I can even go retro, and actually call someone! If I wanted to really go old school, I could write a letter. (There is real value in that, as I will mention later.) We are also connecting right now, through the Clipper!

Every morning, my wife and I connect and catch up with our family in Virginia and West Africa via a WhatsApp family group. It's some amazing technology. I couldn't begin to understand how typed words, voices, photos and videos can be instantly sent and received across the world.

With all these communication tools, we can overlook the most amazing form of connection, one that is often undervalued. I'm speaking of prayer. Talking with God himself at any time and any place makes even the most advanced technology seem rudimentary. Please be assured that God really does hear, he really does care, and he really will respond! He even hears the "silent prayers," the ones that we can't verbalize, but speak silently from our souls.

God does answer our prayers of petition, when we ask him for things we need. But, we should be careful to go far beyond that when connecting with God. Prayer is about relationship, Prayer is communicating with him about whatever is on our mind, much like the way we build relationships with others through communication. The fact that God wants me as a friend is, once again, too much to fully comprehend.

About the letters I mentioned...I have some cherished letters from now deceased loved ones that I will always cherish. Their handwriting, their thoughts, their perspective on life, their love expressed is absolutely priceless. God feels that way about our connections, or prayers, to him. Revelation 5:8 mentions golden bowls in heaven's throne room, "filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people." (NLT) Your prayers are valued by God. Don't worry about a right or wrong way. Just talk with him as you would a friend. Do so daily and consistently, and listen as he speaks to you. Connect with God himself!

2022 Miss Elba Pageants

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2022 Miss Elba Pageants

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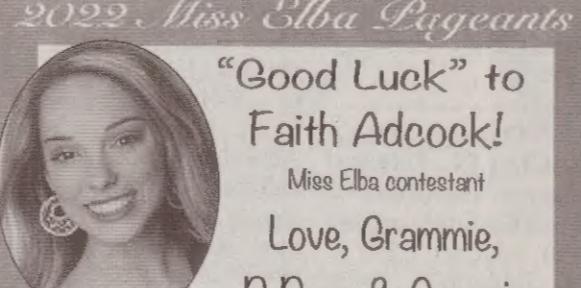
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Letters of Administration having been granted on the 3rd day of February, 2022, by the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, to Zackary Ward to serve as Administrator of the Estate of James Keith Ward, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims in or against the Estate of James Keith Ward that they shall and will be required to present any and all claims against said Estate to the Clerk of the Court for probate and registration as is required within the time allowed by law, or said claims will be barred.

/s/ Charles H. Ellzey**Charles H. Ellzey (ELL077)****Attorney for Petitioner****PO Box 645****Elba, AL 36323****(334) 746-5353****(334) 746-5358 (fax)****chas@candflaw.com****2-10/17/24-pd**

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/s/ Jodee R. Thompson**Jodee R. Thompson****Probate Judge****2-10/17/24-chg**

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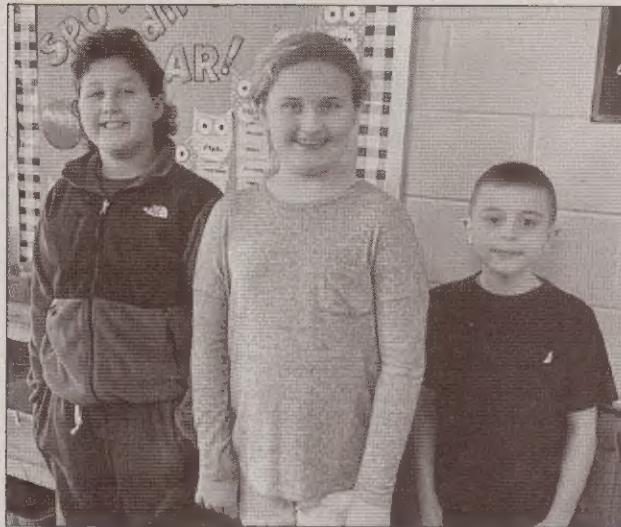
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Zion Chapel Rebel News



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Winners of the Blocks Rocks contest

Fourth graders win Lego contest

by Paden Boothe,
12th grade student

Last month, a few high-achieving fourth grade Rebels took on the Blocks Rocks contest for the 4-H program.

This contest involves making their best attempt at building something original using no pre-packaged sets or directions. Taking up this challenge includes having loads of creativity and an engineering mindset which leaves high hopes for these Rebels!



Cheerleader tryouts held recently at Zion Chapel Schools and Basketball Teams.

by Jordan Saunders,
11th grade student

The Zion Chapel cheerleading squads are gearing up for another year of cheering on Rebel Football

Reflections on teaching in a small community

by Ashley Storey,
English teacher

Though this is only my fourth year teaching at Zion Chapel, I feel very fortunate.

My first three years were spent teaching middle school English, and now I teach many of those same students in tenth and eleventh grade English. Teaching the same students gives me a unique opportunity to see how they grow both academically and personally.

For example, this past December, my eleventh grade honors students were responsible for completing an honors project and competing with New Brockton and Kinston juniors. After reading, analyzing, and discussing texts by authors such as F. Scott Fitzgerald, Langston Hughes, and Walt Whitman, students synthesized the multiple perspectives of the "American dream" and made an argument about whether or it is still available and achievable.

These individuals will compete at the regional level later this year. We would like to give a big congratulations to our brick-building Rebels!



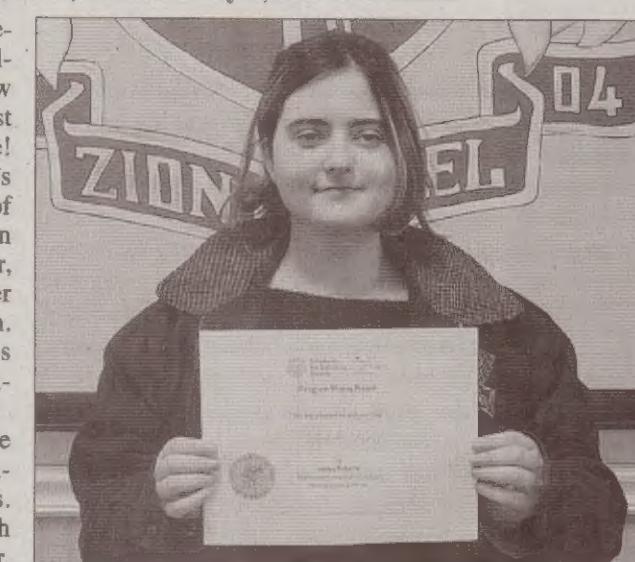
Madison Caster, Alison Moore, Olivia Parker, Superintendent Kelly Cobb, Norah Martin, Gunner Sawyer, and Cruz Smith

won for their impactful presentation. What is especially gratifying is seeing how they have grown since I first taught them in eighth grade!

In addition, Zion Chapel's senior group, made up of Madison Caster, Alison Moore, and Olivia Parker, also competed with other county schools and won. They are Mrs. Ragsdale's students. We have an excellent English department!

Another student I have watched grow tremendously is Harley Roberts. I taught Harley in eighth grade, and now as a junior, Harley recently earned the Gold Key award in the 2022 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

I was very impressed with all of the presentations, and along with a panel, I chose one group to compete at the county level. I was thrilled when Norah Martin, Gunner Sawyer, and Cruz Smith



Harley Roberts

first became their seventh grade teacher because, let's face it, middle school is rough. From the moment I met them, I never doubted they were capable, but I did wonder if I would make it through the year with my sanity in tact!

If I had kept teaching in the large district in Florida where I used to work, I would never have been able to witness the evolution and growth in my students the way I get to here in Jack.

The last students I'd like to spotlight are my tenth grade honors group. This is a class that was very challenging for me when I

ing them to write cohesive paragraphs to me teaching them how to write effective essays. They have gone from analyzing characterization in *A Wrinkle In Time* to analyzing rhetorical strategies in American literature.

If I had all made it through that year as well as another one, and now I am their tenth grade teacher. Seeing how much they have grown as writers, readers, and thinkers is very rewarding. We have gone from me teach-



Zion Chapel Varsity Basketball Team 2021-2022 with coaches Joshua O'Neal, Bryce Watson, and Bubba Lee

Zion Chapel's basketball season comes to a close

by Elijah Barker, 10th grade student

As the Zion Chapel basketball season comes to a close, we took a moment to have a word with our very own coach, Joshua O'Neal.

During our interview, we asked Coach O'Neal his personal favorite moment in the season so far, to which he replied with "closing Zion Chapel's original gym and opening our new gym was a win for our teams."

Long-awaited gym opens at Zion Chapel Schools

by Emma Killingsworth,
11th grade student

On Dec. 21, 2021, Zion Chapel held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new gym, which cost more than \$4 million to construct.

The process of building the gym took a year and a half to complete. The first game held in the new gym took place on Dec. 22, 2021. With a happy celebration, all three teams won their first game in the new gym.

The Zion Chapel community, alumni, and friends were invited to donate or share historical memorabilia from present and past school activities to display in the gym. Among these special items were pictures, plaques, trophies, uniforms, and a wooden 'Z' that was from the gable of the original school. These special treasures have been displayed in the beautiful trophy case located in the lobby of the newly constructed building.

Among the special guests at the ribbon cutting ceremony were Brian McLeod, Dominic Marler, and Harry Driggers. The Zion Chapel community showed up to eagerly support the ribbon cutting and to share in the proud excitement that all Rebel fans felt.

Though testing can help teachers and students set goals, Herbert emphasized, "we must be careful not to place too much importance on one test."

She said these tests measure particular types of

instruction across the high school grades. This is very important because it sets the foundation for college and career writing in the future.

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Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson told me he is now an official member of 'Team Tech' and can't hide his excitement about starting to build its first robotics machine. Lawson has never really been that excited about playing sports, but has now found something that will perhaps help light a fire in his creative mind and make him even more competitive.

For what it is worth....

*** The high school baseball and softball seasons will get underway this week at Elba High and the players, coaches and fans are all excited about getting started. The Tigers have taken steps toward being a winning team the last couple of years in baseball and should be a team to keep an eye on again this season, while the Lady Tigers are confident they can be competitive despite having only one starter back from a year ago. I know the players are ready to play after weeks of practice, and I hope all the fans come out and support their favorite teams and players.

*** It was a busy week for the junior varsity teams last week and after a weekend of games it looks like Zion Chapel may be the top team around. The Rebels combined strong pitching with timely hitting to win a couple of games in a weekend tournament, while New Brockton picked up a couple of wins and Brantley added a win to its side of the ledger. Junior varsity action is all about getting the players ready to move up, and there were a lot of players that caught the eyes of their coaches in week one action.

*** The Brantley Bulldogs took another step toward adding another state basketball crown to their already crowded trophy case over the weekend with an opening round win at the region tournament. The Bulldogs lost a couple of games in midseason that gave their opponents hope that Brantley may not be a contender, but the Bulldogs caught fire late to win the area tourney and a sub-region game that gave them a spot at the region. Brantley is now just three wins away from winning yet another state title, and while the competition will no doubt get tougher every game, don't bet against these 'Dogs. Covid may have helped knock them out a year ago, but they are now well and ready to run.

*** In closing.... Area fishermen have been finding their way to the Coffee County Lake in recent days and despite some cold mornings they will all tell you that the 'fish are biting' and the time is now to get the reels and poles ready for a trip to the water. The 94-acre lake has always been one of the top public lakes in the state, and nothing has changed. See ya there, and I may even give you some tips on where they are biting.

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For another state title

Brantley Bulldogs are on the run

The fifth-ranked Brantley Bulldogs used an 8-0 first quarter rally to grab the lead and never looked back Saturday night to post a solid 66-44 win over the Central Hayneville Lions, in the opening round of the Class 1A, Southeast Region Basketball Tournament, at Garrett Coliseum, in Montgomery.

Central jumped ahead early and owned a 5-1 lead with 5:49 left in the first quarter, but Kedrick Brown and Khalil Smith helped the Bulldogs rally to take a 7-5 lead midway through the stanza, and Jordan Parks sparked an 8-0 Brantley run as the Bulldogs stretched their lead to 18-10 late in the quarter.

Brantley carried a 22-13 advantage into the second quarter and then used the scoring punch of Jayden and Jordan Parks to open the stanza with an 11-0 run as the Bulldogs raced out to a 33-13 lead with 4:31 remaining in the half.

Bulldogs flatten Florala 70-48

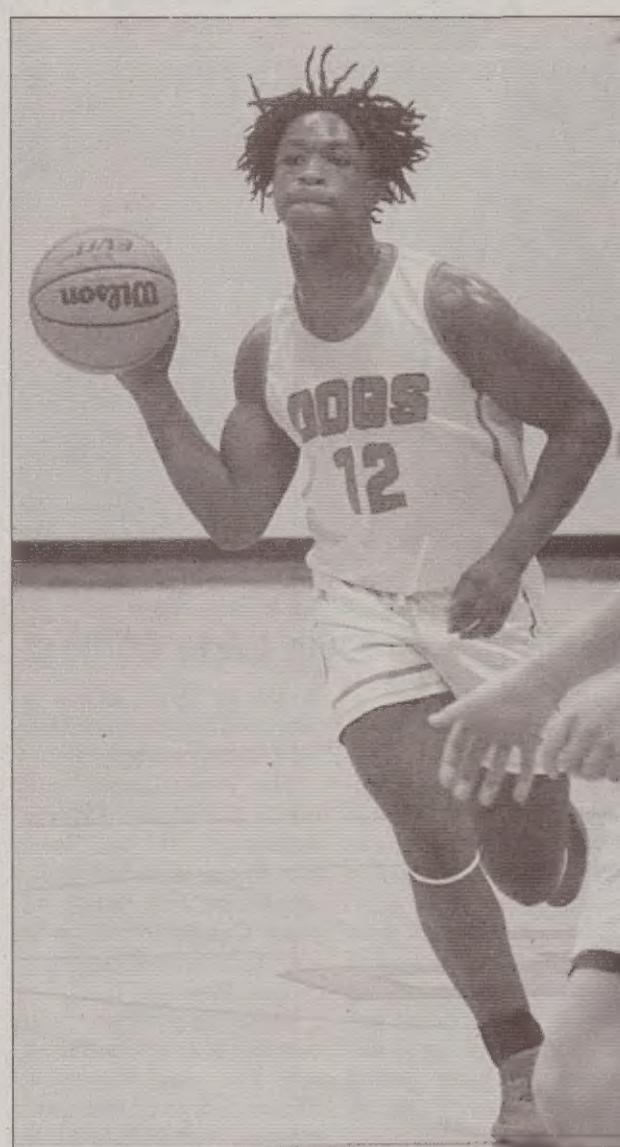
The Brantley Bulldogs continued their late-season surge with a dominating 70-48 sub-region win over the Florala Wildcats, last Tuesday night in Brantley.

Khalil Smith scored 20 points to lead the Bulldogs,

which improved their record to 22-6 with the post-season win. Jayden Parks added 19 points for Brantley, while Morell Edwards added 14 and Kedrick Brown scored 10 points and grabbed 15 rebounds.

Brantley Bulldog Morell Edwards (12) looks to pass in recent tournament action. The Bulldogs advanced to the Southeast Region finals with a big win over Central Hayneville.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)



Elba Lady Tigers ousted in sub-region action 52-42

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their season come to an end last Monday night with a 52-42 sub-region loss to the Cottonwood Lady Bears, in Cottonwood.

Elba's Nina Williams scored 5 points in the first quarter to get the Lady Tigers jump started, but the Lady Bears answered with a trio of three-pointers to open up a 15-7 lead, and then in the second quarter combined three two-pointers with two three-pointers to open up a 27-16 halftime advantage.

Nina Williams hit two three-pointers and scored 8 points in the third quarter to keep Elba's comeback hopes alive. However, Cottonwood carried a 41-27 lead into the final stanza and despite 6 points from A'Lyric Whitfield in the fourth quarter the Lady Tigers were never able to get close as they dropped the 52-42 decision.

Nina Williams scored 19 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Elba, while A'Lyric Whitfield added 12 points and 8 rebounds and Kendra Juarez added 4 points, 9 rebounds and 3 steals.

Saniya Keys scored 19 points and Kesha Anglin added 13 to lead Cottonwood.

SCHEDULES

Thursday, Feb. 24
(Baseball)
New Brockton at Carroll

Zion Chapel at Samson
Highland Home at
Brantley
(Softball)

Ariton at New Brockton
Straughn at Zion Chapel
Brantley at G.W. Long
(Golf)

Elba, at Rehobeth match

Friday, Feb. 25
(Baseball)

Luvverne at New Brockton

Samson at Zion Chapel
(Softball)

Elba, in Houston Ac.

Tourney
(Soccer)

Providence Ch. At New

Brockton
(Baseball)

Wednesday, March 2
(Baseball)

Luvverne at Brantley

Saturday, Feb. 26
(Baseball)

New Brockton vs. Walton

(Dothan)

(Softball)

Elba, in Houston Ac.

Tourney
(Baseball)

Monday, Feb. 28
(Baseball)

New Brockton at Kinston

Pike County at Zion

Chapel
(Baseball)

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Elba Lady Tiger Kendra Juarez (in white) drives the baseline past a defender.

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Gameducks caged in 88-22 sub-region loss

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their season come to an abrupt end last Tuesday night with an 88-22 sub-region loss to the Houston Academy Raiders. Anthony Silar scored 8 points to lead the



TEAM MANAGERS HONORED... During the Elba High School Fall Sports Banquet held Tuesday evening, Feb. 15, at Elba High School, football coach Marc Sieving recognized the team managers from the 2021 football team. Cole Shehee and Easton McKelvy were presented certificates for their dedicated service to the team. Team managers are responsible for a variety of tasks during football games, and Coach Sieving said they play an integral part in the success of the team, and he thanked Shehee and McKelvy for their dedication to the program this past season.

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SPORTS NEWS



New Brockton Gamecock Kaden Cupp (18) delivers a pitch in action over the weekend that saw the Gamecocks push their record to 3-0.

(Photo by Ashley Bertsch)



Zion Chapel Rebel first-baseman keeps an eye on a New Brockton Gamecock baserunner in junior varsity action over the weekend.

(Photo by Ashley Bertsch)

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BASEBALL:

New Brockton 15 Luverne 3 – The New Brockton Gamecocks opened their baseball season with an impressive 15-3 win over the Luverne Tigers. The Gamecocks scored five runs in the second inning to open up a 7-1 lead, pushed their lead to 15-1 in the fourth and coasted in with the easy win. Drew Cashin had 3 hits, including a double and a home-run, scored 1 run and collected 4 rbi's to lead New Brockton at the plate, while Kaden Cupp added 2 hits, including a double, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Chase Ray had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Gabe Herrington had 1 hit and 2 rbi's; Josh Gutierrez had 1 hit and scored 1 run; and Payton Green and Hayden Pope both scored 2 runs. Drew Cashin was the winning pitcher as he tossed three innings and allowed no earned runs on two hits, with nine strikeouts. Hunter White pitched one inning with one strikeout, and Brayson Carr pitched one inning and allowed two earned runs on one hit, with two strikeouts.

New Brockton 23 Houston County 0 – The New Brockton Gamecocks exploded early and coasted in with a lopsided 23-0 win over the Houston County Lions. The Gamecocks scored 12 runs in the top of the second inning to take command in the easy win on the road. Jaxon Whitworth had 3 hits, including a triple, scored 1 run and collected 8 rbi's to lead New Brockton, while Dawson Peacock added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Payton Green added 2 hits, including a double, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Alex Graham added 1 hit, a double, and scored 4 runs; Riley Simmons added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Gabe Herrington added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. Jaxon Whitworth was the winning pitcher in relief as he tossed two innings and allowed one hit, with one strikeout. Payton Green, Josh Gutierrez and Riley Simmons all pitched one inning and combined to allow no hits and recorded seven strikeouts.

New Brockton 7 Northside Methodist 3 – The New Brockton Gamecocks rallied from an early 2-1 deficit with two runs in the third inning and then added three insurance runs in their final at-bat in a 7-3 win over Northside Methodist. Kaden Cupp had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead New Brockton, while Brayson Carr added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Drew Cashin added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Jaxon Whitworth added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Kaden Cupp was the winning pitcher as he tossed 3 and 1/3 innings and allowed one hit, while striking out five.

(JV) Highland Home 5 Brantley 0 – The Brantley Bulldogs managed only two hits in a 5-0 tournament loss to Highland Home. Cooper Layton and Harper Kilcrease both had 1 hit to lead Brantley at the plate.

(JV) Brantley 3 Straughn 2 – Cooper Layton ripped a two-run walk-off double on the fifth inning to lift the Brantley Bulldogs to an exciting 3-2 tournament win over Straughn. Cooper Layton had 1 hit and 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Andrew Kilpatrick added 1 hit.

(JV) Ariton 11 Brantley 7 – The Brantley Bulldogs rallied from an early 7-0 deficit to pull even, but saw Ariton score the final four runs of the game in an 11-7 tournament loss. Chaz Branum had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Brantley, while Reese Odom added 2 hits and scored 1 run, Cooper Layton added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Ben Rios added 1 hit and had 2 rbi's.

(JV) New Brockton 12 Elba 0 – James Downing tossed a three-inning perfect game to lead the New Brockton Gamecocks to a 12-0 win over the Elba Tigers. The Gamecocks, which combined 4 hits with 5 walks and 7 Elba errors, were led at the plate by Kyle Gavette with 1 hit, 2 runs scored and 1 rbi; Jacob Fisher with 1 hit, 1 run scored and 2 rbi's; and James Downing with 1 hit, 1 run scored and 1 rbi.

(JV) Zion Chapel 13 New Brockton 4 – The Zion Chapel Rebels rallied from an early 4-2 deficit with six runs in the third inning and five runs in the fourth as they rolled to a 13-4 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. Brady Flowers had 2 hits, scored 1 run and collected 4 rbi's to lead New Brockton, while Joseph LaGear added 1 hit and scored 3 runs; Tyler Bass added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Dylan Davis added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. John Foster Hamm was the winning pitcher as he tossed three innings and allowed four hits, three earned runs and struck out four. New Brockton was led at the plate by Kyle Gavette with 2 hits and 1 run scored, while Blake Peterson added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had



TOURNEY WINNERS... The Zion Chapel Rebels junior varsity baseball team hosted a tournament that began Thursday evening, Feb. 17, and ended Saturday evening, Feb. 19. The Rebels claimed the tournament championship going undefeated in the event. Zion Chapel posted wins over Samson, Elba [in extra innings], and New Brockton [twice] to win the tourney. In the photo, the players and coaches celebrate the tournament championship. (Courtesy photo)

1 rbi; James Downing added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Bryant Crumpler added 1 hit and 1 rbi.

(JV) New Brockton 14 Luverne 7 – The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead 9-0 early and held on to post a 14-7 win over the Luverne Tigers. Kyle Gavette had 4 hits, scored 4 runs and had 1 rbi to lead New Brockton, while Blake Peterson added 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 4 rbi's; Jacob Fisher added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Judd Thomas added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Colton Cain was the winning pitcher in relief as he tossed one and one-third innings and allowed one hit, with one strikeout.

(JV) Zion Chapel 9 New Brockton 4 – The Zion Chapel Rebels exploded for 8 runs in the fourth inning to erase a 4-1 deficit in a 9-4 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. John Foster Hamm had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel, while Brayden Benbow added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Brodie Stinson added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Brady Flowers added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Brodie Stinson was the winning pitcher as he tossed one and two-thirds innings and allowed one hit, with three strikeouts.

Blake Peterson had 3 hits and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton, while Chase Ray, Hunter Bedsole and Judd Thomas all scored 1 run.

Elba JV Tigers win one, lose two in tourney
The Elba JV Tigers opened play in a baseball tourney hosted by Zion Chapel last weekend with a win over Luverne before falling to Zion Chapel in extra innings and then New Brockton.

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LIFESTYLES

Daniels inducted into NJHS at Auburn Jr. High School

Walker Daniels, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Daniels and grandson to, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Prior and Mr. Joey Daniels and Mrs. Brenda Thomas, was inducted Thursday, Feb. 2, into the National Junior Honor Society at Auburn Junior High School.

The NJHS strives to recognize students who excel in the following areas:

- Scholarship as demonstrated by a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 or higher

- Service calls for a service mindset, the desire to seek opportunities to help others as well as acts of service.

- Leadership is carrying oneself with dignity and taking ownership and responsibility for one's own actions and participation.



Walker Daniels

verse cultures and building relationships that reflect love of self but also concern for others.

- Citizenship/Honor is accepting one's place and role in the community and seeking to understand the concerns and strengths of that community.

Walker's family is proud that he not only was selected for the NJHS, but that he strives to meet these expectations every day.



WATER/WAYS EXHIBIT TEACHER WORKSHOP HELD IN ELBA... The Alabama Humanities Alliance hosted a Super Teacher Workshop Friday, Feb. 11, in conjunction with the Water/Ways Smithsonian Exhibit on display now in Elba. The workshop highlighted how Alabama's waterways have shaped the state's history, how to use Google Earth in the classroom, and the participating teachers were able to tour the Smithsonian exhibit on display at the Elba Theatre and explore Elba's WPA levee overlooking Whitewater Creek. Teachers from Elba and across the Wiregrass attended the workshop.

County extension offering Calving Management Workshop on March 1

A Calving Management Workshop will be held Tuesday, March 1, from 5:30 – 8 p.m. at the Coffee County Extension Office, New Brockton, Ala.

The goal of this hands-on workshop is to teach proper methods to manage calving difficulties.

The Coffee County Cattlemen's Association is preparing an opening meal for this workshop. Register by Monday, Feb. 28, by calling the Coffee County extension office at (334) 894-5584.

Then & Now: Elba High School Class of 1966 Breakfast Club

Several members of the Elba High School Class of 1966 meet monthly for breakfast at Juliette's Restaurant in Elba. They share a photo from the gathering each month with The Elba Clipper. Recently, the group asked to share photos of the attendees [then and now]. This will be done as space allows over the next several weeks...



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